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Save Kukkarahalli Lake campaign heats up

An environment activist explains some of the rare bird species at Kukkarahalli Lake this morning as part of a campaign to prevent desilting of the lake.

Environment activists to stage protest in front of DC Office on Feb. 28

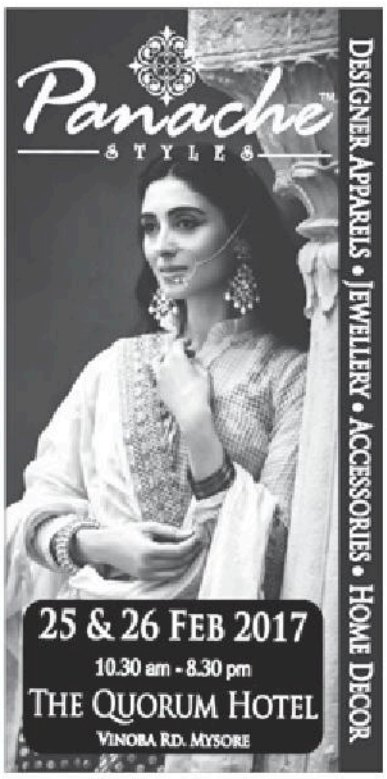
Mysuru, Feb. 25 (MTY&BCT)- The desiliting and de-weeding works of the iconic Kukkarahalli Lake by the District Administration and the University of Mysore has met with serious opposition by environmentalists and walkers. A massive protest will be organised at the Deputy Commissioner's Office on Feb. 28 from 10 am to 1 pm to draw the attention of the authorities.

Addressing a press conference at the Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning, water expert U.N. Ravikumar, who is also the member of Kukkarahalli Lake Advisory Board, said that the desilting works in summer will cause irreparable damage to the water body.

On Feb. 23, environmentalists and eco volunteers gathered at the Fish Stall entrance of the Lake and silently protested against the desiliting works. "It is illogical to desilt and de-weed Kukkarahalli Lake at this point as the water will get spread and will be absorbed or will be vaporised. Also, there is no inflow of fresh water into the Lake. This will kill thousands of birds and we want to prevent this by launching the agitation and other campaigns," eco-volunteers said.

U.N. Ravikumar said that the District Administration and the University authorities were destroying the lake that is a model water body for Karnataka. "We have come together under the banner of 'Kukkarahalli Ulisi Samithi' and we will launch campaigns to save it," he said. The Administration has not been able to prevent sewage entry and has not cleaned the feeder channels, he added. The Administration should clean and desilt the Paduvarahalli side of the Lake, he added. He expressed fears of desilting having an adverse impact on the retention capacity of the Lake.

(See LAKE on page 14)



Rev. K.A. William
to be ordained as new Bishop of Mysuru on Monday

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Rev. Msgr. K.A. William will be ordained as the sixth Bishop of Mysuru Diocese at a ceremony to be held on Feb. 27 (Monday) at 4.30 pm in St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Church) campus.

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Mysuru, Saturday 25th February 2017

Saree's sartorial supremacy

Similar to many other styles and designs of attires, some still being favoured by different sections of society while the rest have gone into the pages of history, saree, also described a the *Indian six yards* has enjoyed identity derived from the names of exclusive towns and regions across the country. Sarees, in addition to their identities traced to the traditional places of origin, have acquired names based on the styles they are worn. The elderly among the womenfolk as well as seasoned traders in the time-honoured attire can reel off names of sarees in a long list — Dharmavaram, Dindigal, Narayanpet, Gadwal, Kanjeevaram, Molakalmuru, Mallika, Tongai, Tie 'n' dye and so on, not to forget Mysore Silk and Benaras Silk flash across the mind of those who are conversant with the world of sarees. The nine-yard fabric, still worn by orthodox sections in Tamil Nadu and also on special occasions in *madisal* style figures among many other styles associated with Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kodagu, Kerala, Bengal, to name a few. Thus goes the saree saga, now on the wane.

Fashion has its own inbuilt obsolescence, the humble *lungi* keeping company with the gorgeous saree on its journey towards extinction. In order to remain in business, both must keep changing. The two attires owe it to the land's cinema for their survival against the ubiquitous salwar-kameez and jeans, favoured by both urbanites and the rustics. Wearing the saree exposing the navel, adorning see-through fabric and draping to reveal the anatomy are common sight.

The seamless saree being the unparalled breathable textile can also be breath-taking as fantasised by many Kannada novelists and poets of the past. In the days within reach of memory, the gradual traditional makeover of the attire of the female species from *langa* in sub-teens, half-saree *(langa-daavani)* during teens and finally to saree is also seamless generating dreamy feelings in the beholder — the male species in particular. However, with the grandmas and aged aunts not anywhere around in most urban households given the wholesale adoption of unisex dress code by youth as well as salwar-kameez even by the greying womenfolk seen in public domain and also work-stations, saree seemed to have joined the list of endangered animals on brink of extinction.

The supremacy of saree, whether made of cotton, silk, synthetic and lookalikes seems to be getting resurrected going by a Mysuru-based report in a popular daily *"Bajirao film inspires girls to try out traditional saree styles."* In short, if the saree fever catches the imagination of females, both weavers of the fabric and traders in multiplicity of kinds, mentioned earlier in this column can look forward to booming scenario of saree-clad dames. One cannot ask for more.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE TRUMP TRAUMA : ***I have recently spent a month in Los Angeles where the anti-Donald Trump hysteria is extraordinary. A plebiscite on California seceding from the United States is to be put on a forthcoming ballot. This reminds me of a report by Joan Robinson at a dinner party in New Delhi in the 1960s of the signs she saw in Havana during a visit which said: "The US says it cannot live a few hundred miles from a Communist country. Why don't they move?" Now Californians unwilling to live with their democratic citizens who elected President Trump want to do what Fidel Castro had advocated. This hysteria is matched by the unhinged responses to the Trump Presidency in most of the midstream media, Hollywood, Silicon Valley and many academics. There are columns arguing that he is clinically insane, and how he should be impeached, less than a month into his Presidency.*** — *Deepak Lal in Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Stabs himself in the hip!

Nagoya: Case in point, 54-year-old Masaru Miura, from Kasugai city, in Japan's Aichi Prefecture, who wanted to skip work on Feb. 22 so badly that he stabbed himself with a kitchen knife in the bathroom at Nagoya Municipal Subway Station, Kasugai. He then proceeded to call the Police and tell them that he had been attacked by a total stranger while he was relieving himself.

According to a computer generated recreation of his story, he was relieving himself at an urinal when a man holding a large knife simply stabbed him from the back and took off. Policemen kept asking him about the attack, and soon discovered cracks in Masaru's version of the events. Soon, it became obvious that the man had lied about the incident, he told Police that he was distressed about work-related matters, he thought stabbing himself would be the perfect excuse to skip work at least for one day.

'Smarter Socks'

Bern: Swiss sock manufacturer BlackSocks has been producing "Smarter Socks" that actually communicate with the owner's smartphone ever since 2012. And yes, you can still buy them, but they're definitely not cheap.

BlackSocks believes mankind is made for greater things than sorting socks, a high-tech way of helping them figure out which two socks go together. They might have overdone it a little bit, though, as this system involves Radio-frequency identification (RFID) chips on the socks, a handheld device that decodes the info on these chips, as well as a dedicated app for your smartphone. Each pair of Smarter Socks comes with its own pair of RFID chips loaded with various information, the most important of which is the unique ID of the pair. Since RFID chips can't communicate with iPhones directly, BlackSocks has also developed a wireless reader dubbed the "Sock Sorter." All you have to do is pair this device with your smartphone, install the BlackSocks app, and whenever you get the Sock Sorter close to a Smarter Sock, it will read its individual data and send it to you handheld. This way, you'll be able to accurately pair your socks by their IDs. Isn't that neat?

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is a Kumquat?

The Kumquat is a small edible citrus fruit, round or oval in shape, and native to Asia. A Kumquat resembles an orange and is about the size of a large olive. The peel is sweet in flavour, but the centre is sour. Kumquats are normally used to make marmalades and jellies.

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Selected for SPARK training at Infosys

Mysuru, Feb.25-The following students of Acharya Vidya Kula (AVK) have been selected for the SPARK Catch Them Young-2017 phase 2 Training Programme at Infosys, Mysuru: R. Sanaatan, Shreeja Basappa, Sanjana R. Kashyap, Srija S. Acharya. The programme will be conducted for two weeks in April 2017.

New team for ICSI-Mysore Chapter

A group photo of the new team of Mysore Chapter of Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), Metagalli. From left: M. Pracheta, Vice-Chairperson, V.J. Balakrishnan, Chairman, S. Manjunath, Secretary and M.J.Veerash, Treasurer. The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, New Delhi, is being headed by a new team led by Dr. Shyam Agrawal and Makarand Lele as the President and Vice-President respectively.

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VOICE OF THE READER

More on Fr. Noronha's outstanding contribution to education in Mysuru

Sir,

The article titled ***"Fr. Denis Noronha: Celebrating 60 years of Priesthood"*** by Kenneth Shishir (*SOM* dated Feb.21) was informative and nostalgic since I am also from Bantwal. What a great inning Fr. Noronha had in this long and fruitful journey of 60 years of serving his church, community and the nation. All of us can learn from him a lesson of how to be happy. He was always cheerful and looking forward to help others.

Here I would like to mention about his significant contribution to Mysuru in the field of education. It was he who was responsible for popularising the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in Mysuru. I am sure that when Mysuru's history of education is written his contribution will be given due recognition. In late 1980s, only Regional College of Education was providing CBSE at its Demonstration Multipurpose School (DMS). It was Fr. Noronha who took a chance to start CBSE school at St. Joseph's Campus in Jayalakshmipuram.

CBSE was strange to many. Mysureans were familiar and comfortable with the State school syllabus. There was no demand for tougher syllabus the way we find today in Mysuru.

I am sure Fr. Noronha must have experienced a lot of resistance from his superiors to take such a risky adventure. When educational institutions around him were selecting Principals and teachers of their own community, Fr. Noronha went for the best and recruited the retired Principal from DMS, Dr. Satyanarayan to be the first Principal of his CBSE school. It was a great strategic move on his part to put the young school on solid foundation. Today St. Joseph's is a leading school in Mysuru along with the likes of Acharya Vidya Kula (AVK).

Wish Fr. Denis Noronha many more years to continue to serve the community.

—Bhamy V. Shenoy

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BAI's labour welfare card distribution tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre, has organised a function at Nityotsava Convention Hall, near Ballal Circle, tomorrow (Feb. 26) at 10 am to distribute labour welfare cards to construction workers. SP Ravi D. Channannavar, Asst. Commissioner of Labour Department Meena Patila and *Bigg Boss-4* winner Pratham will be the guests of honour.

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Visioning workshop

Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK), CIIL, will be conducting a two-day 'Visioning Workshop and Project Preparation' at its premises from Feb. 27. The workshop will be inaugurated by CIIL Director Prof. D.G. Rao. Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies Professor Aravind Malagatti will deliver the introductory address. Senior Kannada Scholar Prof. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry will deliver the keynote address. Kannada Development Authority Chairman Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah and CESCK Director Prof. P.K. Khandoba will be the guests of honour.

techNIEks Run

The National Institute of Engineering (NIE) has organised techNIEks Run tomorrow (Feb. 26) in three categories — Men, Women and Veterans. The Run will be flagged off at Golden Jubilee Block of the Institute at 5.45 am. The event has been organised in aid of special children. For details, contact Pratap (Mob: 99867-67509) or Nirikshith (90362-95060)., according to a press release.

Walkathon for Road Safety

Mysuru West Regional Transport Office (RTO) has organised a walkathon to create awareness on road safety on Feb.26. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will flag off the walkathon from Oval Grounds tomorrow at 6 am. DC D. Randeep, City Police Commissioner Dr. A.S. Rao with students of city colleges will take part.

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Sri Kulalagunda Sangha meet

In order to elect office-bearers to the Chamaraja Constituency of Sri Kulalagunda Brahmarya Kumbara Sangha, Mysuru District, a meeting has been convened at the Sangha office on D. Banumaiah Road in city on Feb. 26 at 5 pm. Interested may register their names and attend the meeting. For details, contact Mob: 98450-50916 or 94480-60558, according to a press release.

Hanuman Chalisa Camp

A one-day Hanuman Chalisa camp will be conducted by Dr. Sri Ramachandra Guruji tomorrow (Feb.26) at a private hotel in city from 8.40am to 6pm. For details and registration, contact Mob: 9008915522 or 99720 45269, according to a press release.

Ch'Nagar Dodda Ratha set ablaze

Accused confesses to crime

Chamarajanagar SP Kuldeep Kumar R. Jain and other Police staff seen with accused Mohan Kumar (squatting).

Chamarajanagar, Feb.25 (US&SS)- Chamarajanagar Police have arrested Mohan Kumar, 32, of Upparabeedhi, a bar-bender by profession who is accused in setting ablaze the 'Dodda Ratha' of Sri Chamarajeshwara Temple recently. Disclosing this at a press meet here on Thursday, SP Kuldeep Kumar R. Jain said that the Temple Executive Officer Manjesh had filed a complaint before the Town Police alleging that the *Dodda Ratha* had been set on fire on midnight of Feb.18 resulting in damages to the chariot.

He further said that based on CCTV footages captured by cameras fitted around the temple, Mohan Kumar was taken to custody on Feb.22 and interrogated.

Continuing, the SP said that Mohan Kumar confessed to the crime stating that he had set ablaze the old Ratha so that a new one could be arranged for the Rathotsava. He further said that the accused himself had alerted a couple of auto drivers over the blaze and went home.

The SP opined that the accused might have committed the crime alone but did not rule out participation of others which too would be probed.

Police arrest three for dacoity

Periyapatna, Feb.25 (Rajesh)- The Bylakuppe Police on Thursday arrested three persons in connection with the assault and looting of a couple at Marur in the taluk recently.

The arrested have been identified as Cariappa, 34 of Basavanahalli in Kodagu, P.N. Satish, 39 of Kushalnagar and N.A. Irfan, 23, of Madikeri while another accused is yet to be traced.

The accused, who forced their entry into the residence of Mallesh and Jayamma couple at Marur late night on Feb.12, assaulted the couple with lethal weapons and looted Jayamma's jewellery and cell phones.

The Bylakuppe Police, who began investigation, arrested the three and recovered a motorcycle, a machete, a stick, torch, a helmet and gold jewellery from them. The Police are on the look out for the fourth accused, who has gone absconding.

Elderly woman duped, robbed of 60 gram gold jewellery at K.R. Hospital

Mysuru, Feb.25 (PM&RNN)- An incident of two unidentified women luring a 66-year-old woman with cash and allegedly making away with her 60 gram gold ornaments has been reported from K.R. Hospital premises.

The victim has been identified as Ushamani, a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, who had come to the hospital to see her sister's husband who was undergoing treatment at the hospital.

It is said that a 30-year-old woman, who met Ushamani near the gate of Jayadeva Hospital at about 5.30 pm on Monday, said that she had found a purse containing cash, offered to share it with Ushamani and took her near the Dhobhi Ghat in the hospital premises and made her to sit with her. Meanwhile, a girl aged about 20 years came to them and alleged that the they had stolen her purse.

Reacting to this, the woman, who had brought Ushamani, removed all her jewellery, packed them into a corner of the saree and swore that she had not stolen the purse. Later, she also asked Ushamani to follow suit, took out Ushamani's jewels to tie it to her saree pallu and in the process she replaced them with glass bangles, before leaving the scene after paying Rs. 2,000 to Ushamani. The poor Ushamani realised that she had been conned only when she opened the knot of the saree while travelling on a bus to return home.

Bogadi Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

It may be recalled a miscreant in the guise of a doctor had decamped with a woman patient's 90 gram gold ornaments on Feb.15.

Woman succumbs to injuries

Mysuru, Feb.25 (PM&RNN)- A woman, who was being treated at a private hospital for injuries sustained in a road mishap on Krishnaraja Boulevard on Thursday afternoon, breathed her last later in the evening. The deceased, a native of Kempanapalya in Kollegal, who was staying at her son's house in Bogadi, has been identified as Kempadevamma (45).

It is reported that Kempadevamma, who was travelling on Krishnaraja Boulevard on a bike (KA-10 J-8819) with her son Kumaraswamy, sustained injuries when the bike was hit by a Scorpio (KA-09 N-5171) near Kautilya Circle following which she had been admitted to a private hospital for treatment. K.R. Traffic Police have registered a case.

Run over by KSRTC bus, biker killed

Mysuru, Feb.25 (RK&RNN)- In a tragic incident, a 53-year-old man, who was returning home on a bike after attending the last rites of a relative was killed on the spot when a KSRTC bus ran over his bike at the Hinkal junction of the Outer Ring Road yesterday afternoon.

The victim has been identified as Ramanna, resident of Pampinna Hosahalli village in Srirangapatna taluk in Mandya.

It is reported that the KSRTC bus (KA-01 F-9207) while crossing the signal near Hinkal, rammed into Hero Honda Passion Pro bike (KA-09 FS-9204) on which Ramanna was returning home after attending the last rites of a relative in Belavadi, killing him on the spot.

V.V.Puram Traffic Police, who rushed to the spot on receiving information, shifted the body to MMC&RI, where the body was handed over to relatives after post-mortem. Police have taken bus driver Chandrakumar into custody.

Obituary

C. Lingegowda

Ramanagaram, Feb.25- C. Lingegowda (85), father of writer Prof. Shivaramu Kadanakuppe, passed away at his residence in Kadanakuppe village of Ramanagaram this morning. An agriculturist, Lingegowda leaves behind his wife, two sons, daughters-in-law and a host of relatives. Last rites were performed at his native village this afternoon.

M. Shambhaiah

Nanjangud, Feb.25- M. Shambaiah (73), a senior BJP leader of the town, passed away at his residence on R.P. Road in Nanjangud on Thursday following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife Prema, a former TMC member, a son, 3 daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Shambhaiah was among the frontline leaders who built the BJP from grassroots level in the town. His last rites were performed yesterday.

Kirijaji Sampath Kumar

Hunsur, Feb. 25- Kirijaji Sampath Kumar (53), former APMC President and Kabaddi player, passed away on Thursday. He leaves behind his mother, wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives. Last rites were performed at his native Kirijaji yesterday.

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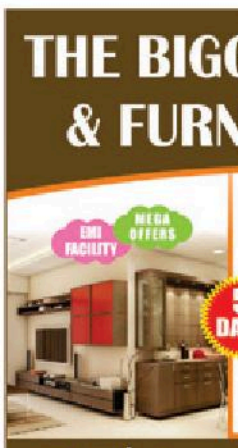

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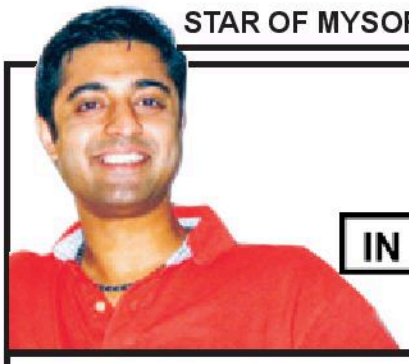

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Vikram Muthanna

A report on the Night of Shiva

Ocean of devotees at Isha Foundation in Coimbatore.

Devotees at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama.

Special puja for 108 Shivalingas at Gurukula Mutt.

I have always wondered what happens on Shivaratri...do people actually pray at temples all night long? Do people fast? Do people feel a sense of spirituality? And are the whispers that some people sit around playing cards and getting high true? Also what happens in our city on the night of Shiva? Is it crowded? Is it bustling? I decided to find out.

My curiosity about Shivaratri this time round was mainly because of Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev — The Spiritual Guru of Mysuru origin who gained enlightenment atop our very own Chamundi Hill. Now, Sadhguru piqued my interest in Shivaratri because two years ago in one of his discourses he had mentioned about erecting the "biggest face on earth!" And that it had taken him two-and-a-half years to decide on the face! And this Shivaratri that gigantic face was ready to be unveiled to the world and I wanted to see it.

Apart from seeing the 112 ft. face, I also wanted to hear our PM's speech, the Sadhguru's discourse and Kailash Kher, one of my favourite singers, who was to perform. So I logged on to the Isha Foundation website to watch the show.

The PM unveiled the bust of Shiva and it looked imposing but what was truly amazing was the number of people at the event. It seemed like a never-ending ocean of humanity! I was left in awe and wondering how are they providing rooms for all these people? How many mobile toilets do they have? Is this new statue going to leapfrog Isha Foundation into a pilgrimage centre and destroy the nature around it? And hoped not.

The PM spoke. And he spoke well. Not even a sentence of politicking creeped into his speech, it was all about Yoga and its benefits. Later, the Sadhguru spoke and it was not half as good as his usual discourses because his usual flow was broken as he had to stop often so they could translate what he said into Hindi.

Yes, the discourse was disappointing but the show itself was mind-boggling. Unlike typical religious sombreness that descends on religious events this event exuded a sense of joyousness, a celebration of life. And as Sadhguru Jaggi walked up and down a long aisle waving at the disciples while performing some quirky dance moves it was obvious that it was also the night of Jaggi, not just Shiva.

So at 11.30 pm I decided to physically place myself at a Shivaratri event and see how it felt. I drove to Sri Ganapathy Ashrama. Here too the atmosphere was festive. There was music and a well set up stage. Hundreds of devotees stood in line to bathe the crystal *linga (spatika linga).* The line moved fast and was managed efficiently. Outside a neat queue stood as the Ashrama volunteers handed out the much-coveted rudrakshi bead procured from the 100 trees planted in the Ashrama's organic farm on Bannur road.

There was also nice hot coffee, which tasted delicious as we watched a *linga* sprout on the stage with dramatic effect as music and fireworks announced its *"udbhava"* or birth. Was it spiritual? Not really... but it was enjoyable and interesting.

Next I drove to the 108 Linga at Gurukula on Ramanuja road. Here too there was light music, devotional songs and a crowd. Then next stop was the temple in the Palace but here the crowd was so much that I couldn't see the Golden Shiva that is brought out once a year. But what was amazing was that in almost all the temples people were so well-behaved! May be the Sadhguru is right, there is an upsurge of the system that makes us better during Shivaratri? Or may be everyone was just sleepy and tired to get aggressive.

The point is there were a lot of people everywhere and there was no one honking, there was no shouting, and there was no aggressive pushing in lines...it was my most pleasant trip to a temple in a long time. Also it felt good to see beautifully dressed women walking in areas in and around temples so late at night fearless and joyous. If any foreigner saw this sight they would think India is a liberal, safe, spiritual and happy nation. Sadly this happens very rarely.

Speaking of foreigners in temples...they were everywhere — from Sadhguru's Ashrama in Coimbatore to Ganapathy Ashrama in Mysuru. I even saw a whole bunch of them at the Mathrumandali Eshwar temple at 1.30 am looking truly smitten with Lord Shiva...may be it's true Shiva is the "coolest" of all Hindu Gods.

So was my Shivaratri spiritual... not really. But I was not looking for it, I was on a see-and-tell mission. But it was nice to know you can dance your way into a spiritual high like Jaggi, you can sing your way into a spiritual zone like in Ganapathy Ashrama or you can simply go to a temple and sit in a quiet contemplative corner. Or you can play cards too and show up for the Lord's *darshan* at midnight like some people did.

Now was the city bustling? Not really but all the talk of yoga from Sadhguru and our PM had made me conscious of my breathing...Sadhguru said yoga is necessary for a mind that seeks a logical and scientific validation for everything...may be I shall take up yoga to twist my stiff body so as to untwist my logically coiled mind. But first I have to untwist my tongue after trying to chant Sadhguru's hymn *'Bho Shambho Shiva Shambho Swayambho.'* May be I will just stick to the more simple *'Om Namah Shivaya!'*

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Lions Regional Meet tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 25- The Region-10 Lions Regional Meet will take place at Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempungar, in city tomorrow (Feb. 26).

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, the host Committee President T.V. Raghottama Rao said that Gavadagere Mutt Seer Nataraja Swamiji will grace the occasion.

MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, District Co-op. Union President H.V. Rajeev and senior Journalist Rajashekar Koti will be the chief guests.

Stating that the theme of the Meet will be *'Sarvotomukha Swachhate Nammellara Baddate,'* he said that the event will also feature distribution of umbrellas to street vendors, distribution of sewing machines to beneficiaries, installation of dustbins in parks, distribution of wheel-chairs, contribution to Akshaya Patre Foundation, free health check-up camp, distribution of saplings etc.

Lions Club Office-bearers Y.C. Kalegowda, Srisaila, M.D. Kumar, Chandramohan and others were present at the press meet.

Gyan-Vigyan Divya Darshan Mela to conclude tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 25- The valedictory of the 15-day *Gyan-Vignan Divya Darshana Mela,* organised by Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru Sub-division, as part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations at Maharaja College Grounds here, will take place at 6.30 pm tomorrow.

Brahma Kumara Mrutyunjaya will deliver the valedictory address.

Assembly Speaker K.B. Koliwad, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait, former Minister S.A. Ramdas and Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar will take part.

An all-religion meet will follow the valedictory address, in which heads of various faiths will take part, according to a press release.

Staging of play *'Obbalu'* at Vanaranga this evening

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (VNS)- The Channel Theatre, Pandavapura, will be staging the Kannada play 'Obbalu' based on Dario Fo's 'A Woman Alone' at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises today at 6.30 pm. Entry ticket for the play is priced at Rs. 55.

Obbalu is a play about a housewife in a regretful relationship with her jealous husband who has locked her up in home. Yet, the dutiful housewife, goes through hard daily work which involves taking care of her baby, looking after her perverted head-to-toe plastered brother-in-law, fighting with a peeping toms, dealing with dirty phone calls. Her daily life is slowly driving her to madness. But, will she be able to overcome it? You will get to know only on watching the play.

Akshatha Pandavapura, a graduate from National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi, will play the protagonist. It also features other actors such as Naveen and Tejas. The play is directed by D. Prasanna.

Interiors and Furniture Show

Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar** (2nd from right) **is seen inaugurating the Interiors and Furniture Show at Scouts & Guides Grounds in city on Feb.23. Nagachandra, Director, Simon Exhibitors and others are seen. The exhibition has several stalls displaying interiors & furniture, household appliances and other novelty items. Separate food stalls have also been put up at the venue. The exhibition will be held till Feb.27 from 11 am to 9 pm.

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The General Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase the immovable property bearing Plot No.316-Part- II in Hebbal Industrial Area, comprising of various survey numbers of Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk and which is morefully described in the schedule here under, belonging to M/s. Nichi-In-Software Solutions Pvt.Ltd., No.1060, "Lalithadri" 25 th main, 15 th Cross, B.S.K. II Stage, Bangalore-70.

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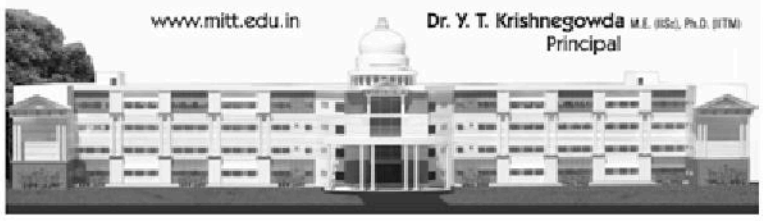

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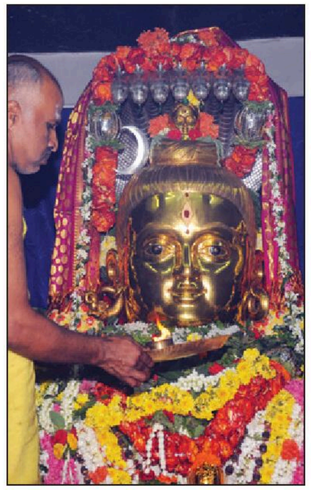


A priest is seen offering mangalarathi to the golden-masked Trineshwara Swamy at the temple in Mysore Palace premises.

Devotees are seen offering puja to 108 Shivalingas at the Gurukula Mutt on Ramanuja Road.

A large number of devotees took part in the deepostava organised at Male Mahadeshwara temple at Kumbara Koppal.

Lord Chandramouleshwara decorated with flowers and bilwapathra at V V Mohalla.

Srikanteshwara or Nanjundeshwara, the presiding deity of Nanjangud.

Pious night of Shiva

Maha Shivaratri which means 'The Great Night of Shiva' is a Hindu festival celebrated annually in honour of the God Shiva.

It is a major festival in Hinduism and marks a remembrance of "overcoming darkness and ignorance" in life and the world. It is observed by remembering Shiva and chanting prayers, fasting, doing Yoga and meditating on ethics and virtues such as self-restraint, honesty, forgiveness and the discovery of Shiva. The ardent devotees keep awake all night chanting hymns of the Lord Shiva. Others visit one of the Shiva temples or go on pilgrimage to Jyotirlingams.

Offerings of fruits, bilwapathra (sacred leaves), sweets and milk to Shiva are made, some perform all-day fasting. Maha Shivaratri is celebrated over three or ten days based on the Hindu luni-solar calendar. Every lunar month, there is a Shivaratri (12 per year). The main festival is called Maha Shivaratri, or great Shivaratri, and this is on 13th night (waning moon) and 14th day of the month Phalguna (Magha).

Maha Shivaratri festival was celebrated with devotion and religious fervour across Mysuru yesterday. Special pujas and prayers at many temples marked the occasion.

At the Trinayaneshwara Swamy temple popularly called Trineshwara Swamy Temple at the Mysore Palace premises, special puja began from 4 am. The temple drew a steady stream of devotees throughout the day. Mysuru Royal Family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar visited the temple and participated in the special puja.

A special aspect of the temple is adorning the Shivalinga with the 11-kg golden mask (Chinnada Kolaga) along with other valuables including ear-rings made of emeralds, donated by the then Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar to celebrate the birth of his son Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar in the year 1953.

Shaivaite temples in Mysuru were decorated with flowers and buntings. The Ramanuja Road was abuzz with activities at the two Shiva temples there - Sri Kamakameshwari Temple and 108 Shiva Temple. Devotees waited in long queues to pay obeisance to the deities.

The Srikanteshwara temple at Nanjangud, considered as Dakshina Kashi, was teeming with devotees from all over the State. For many pilgrims, a visit to Nanjangud during Maha Shivaratri is an annual ritual that is accompanied by a dip in the Kapila. At the temple, a silver main door was erected at Parvathi temple at a cost of Rs. 15 lakh by devotees from Bengaluru.

A mammoth statue of Lord Shiva at Nanjangud.

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar offering puja at Trineshwaraswamy Temple.

Special pujas were offered at Yoga Narashimaswamy temple at Vijayanagar.

After taking holy dip in Kapila River, the devotees took Darshan of lord Nanjundeshwara, the deity of Nanjangud after standing in long queues braving scorching sun. Various Abhishekas and Mahamangalarathi were performed, under the guidance of tempest priest Nagachandra Dixit, to the main Shivalinga accompanied by chanting from the scriptures. It is customary among devotees to camp in the temple precinct and maintain a vigil till dawn.

The Chandramouleshwara temple at V.V. Mohalla, Maruti Temple in T.K. Layout, the Gurukula Mutt, Sri Vaidyanatheshwara temple at Talakadu,and Sri Mallikarjunaswami Temple at Muduktore were other temples that were beehives of activity.

Members of Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, at the ongoing exhibition at the Maharaja College Ground, had installed replicas of 12 'Jyothirlingas' and 40feet height Amaranth cave. Thousands thronged the venue to have a Darshan of the 'Jyothirlingas'. The replicas of Shivalingas started from Somanath temple in Gujarat and end at Sri Grishneshwar in Maharashtra. There was a display of a short story about the significance of the place, the story behind each 'Jyothirlinga'. The replica of Amarnath was a cynosure of all eyes.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji also held various pujas at the mutt premises and later JSS students participated in various cultural programmes. At Avadhoota Datta Peetham Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamy Ashram, various religious programs were held from early morning.

Special pujas like Maha Ganapathy Homa, Rudra Homa and mass prayers were held under the guidance of Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji. Later in the programme, a biography of Seer Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji in Russian language was also released.

Thousands of devotees visited Male Mahadeshwara Swamy temple atop MM Hills in Chamarajanagar district and participated in religious programs which were conducted all through the night. A car festival was organised where the chariot carrying deity was pulled by devotees.

The Hill, most popular pilgrimage centre at Hanur, was decked up for Maha Shivaratri. Undeterred by the scorching sun, hundreds took up a padayatra to the temple.

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji performed special rudrakshi puja at the Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram yesterday.

Veerashaivas performing mass Linga puja at Suttur Mutt during the Shivaratri celebrations.

Prasanna Nanjundeshwara Temple

View of Prasanna Nanjundeshwara Swamy Temple at old Santhepet in city.

Mysuru is home for the many archaeological monuments which are of historical relevance. The structures include Hindu temples, Royal Palaces, Churches, Mosques and other structures that were built or renovated during the rule of Wadiyars or during the rule of Hyder Ail and Tipu Sultan.

One such Hindu temple which was reconstructed by the Wadiyars is the Prasanna Nanjundeshwara Temple located in old santhepet in city.

The temple is believed to be renovated by Mummudi Krishnaraja Wadiyar after the Wadiyar's got back the reigns of Mysuru Kingdom from Tipu Sultan.

According to temple priest Srinivasa Murthy, the Prasanna Nanjundeshwra Temple was called as the 'Gejje Puje' temple which was frequently visited by devadasis of Mysuru.

Later, the temple was renovated by the devotees. The annual Brahmarathotsava or the car festival is held on the full moon of Holi. The temple attracts a lot of devotees on Maha Shivaratri during which people residing in surrounding areas visit the temple to seek the blessings for Prasanna Nanjundeshwara.

The temple premises, which is spread across 2.5 acre land, is also home for other temples dedicated to Lord Ganapthi, Goddess Chamundeshwari, Sri Tanka Rama Mandira, Lakshminarayana Swamy, Dakshinamurthy, Subramanyeshwara, Chandikeshwara and Parvathi.

It also houses a Navagraha temple and a Peepal Tree which is believed to be 300 years old.

Pages from History

By Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, former Head,
Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, University of Mysore

Glory Thy Name is Mysuru

Mysuru, which the Britishers pronounced as Mysore, is the gift of Goddess Mahishasuramardini. According to mythology, the demon Mahishasura was tormenting the good people and was spoiling the Vedic way of life. The tormented people prayed to the Goddess and she assumed the form of a Mahisha and killed him and brought solace to the population. Hence the place came to be called as the town of Mahishamardini. That this was an ancient one is attested to by the inscriptions of Ashoka.

Ashoka sent Buddhist missionaries to Mahisha-mandala which is nothing but Mahishapura that has been corrupted now as Mysore. This is further strengthened by Tamil literary works in which it is referred to as Erumainadu, meaning the buffalo land.

Apart from Puranic and literary sources inscriptions refer to this place as Mahishapura, Mahishasurapura, Mahishuru etc. In course of time it came to be called as Maisunadu-70. Perhaps it was an ancient territory comprising 70 villages or the revenue of which was 70 gold coins. If it is accepted as a cluster of 70 villages, Maisuru should have been the central place of a Palegar (a Chief). Thus it had an exalted place from ancient times itself.

No other city has a natural gift of a hill as Maisuru. The famous Chamundi Hill was originally called Mahabaleswara Hill. Once the Maharajas of Mysore accepted her as their tutelary deity, Chamundi (Mahishamardini) Betta attained sanctity and popularity. Even today any tourist who visits Mysuru would definitely want to visit the Chamundi Hill and worship the Goddess and get blessed. It may be compared to Kashi of Northern India. Though there are well laid out steps to reach the Chamundi temple, most people nowadays go by vehicles. The Chamundi temple is a structure in Dravidian style with a *gopura* of the Vijayanagara style. The contribution of Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar cannot be ignored. The late Maharaja Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar was a great devotee and has composed many songs in her favour, which are rendered even today by singers.

How can anybody ignore Mysore Palace and Mysuru Dasara. The Palace has been attracting visitors from India and abroad. The Dasara Durbar of the Maharajas of Mysore has become proverbially famous for its grandeur. The golden throne on which the Maharaja used to sit has a long tradition. The entire Palace is lit by electric lights and takes one to the land of Indra. Such a spectacle is hard to find in any other part of the world. Though comparisons are odious, the Buckingham Palace has a shade less. Jaganmohan Palace is another jewel in the crown of Mysuru. It was built in 1860 during the rule of Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. When the then Mysore Palace was destroyed, this was used as the Palace of the Maharajas and many important functions were celebrated here including the coronation of the Yuvaraja. Sessions of people's representatives were also held here for some time. Even the convocation of the Mysore University took place here. Now it is a royal museum where the paintings of Raja Ravivarma, many European painters, including those of Roerich. Now it is a place where many cultural functions take place attracting a large number of visitors.

There was a wooden Palace in Mysore and unfortunately it was destroyed in a fire accident. Then it was decided to build a stone Palace and it was done under architect Henry Irwin with engineer B. P. Raghavulu. The work was started in 1897 and completed in 1912. In those days the cost of construction was about Rs. 41 lakh. Facing East, the Palace is 245 ft. long, 156 ft. wide and 145 ft. tall. The inner portions have pillars which have gold coating. In fact this Palace has attracted more number of visitors than the famous Taj Mahal at Agra.

Another Palace of great beauty is the Lalitha Mahal. It is another beauty which has made Mysuru great. Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV built this building for the foreign guests in 1931 at a cost of Rs.13 lakh. Now it is a royal lodging for foreigners who would like to taste the royalty of the old world charm. The architect of this building was E. W. Fritchle. The staircase is built of marble. Thus it is royalty personified.

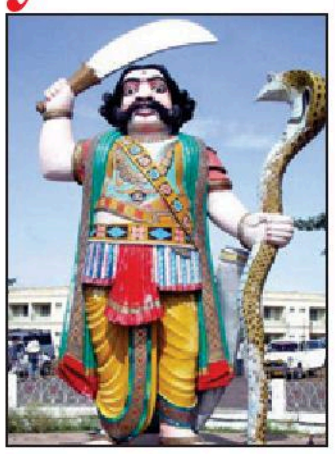
Another prestigious structure of the city is the Oriental Research Institute (ORI). Actually it was built in honour of the golden jubilee celebrations of Queen Victoria in 1891 and was named as Victoria Jubilee Institute. It is a harmonious combination of various styles such as Gothic, Corinthian and Romanesque. Its outer walls have some loose Hoysala sculptures brought from somewhere. This institute overnight became famous all over the world because of the discovery of the manuscript of Kautilya's Arthasastra. Rudrapatnam Shamasastri was the great scholar who noticed this palm leaf manuscript among a heap of about 70,000 manuscripts. Arthasastra created a flutter in the international scholarly community. This place is now called as place of Kautilya (Kautilya Sthala). The Ford Foundation gave a huge grant to digitally copy these priceless manuscripts for posterity. Its library is used by many people interested in our cultural heritage under the guidance of its present Director Dr. H.P. Devaki. A large number of Sanskrit scholars have been working here doing research on these palm leaf manuscripts.

Mysuru is always considered to be a centre of education. Schools and colleges abound in Mysuru catering to the needs of education of both boys and girls. Maharaja's High School, Maharaja's College, Yuvaraja's College, St. Philomena's School and College, Teresian College etc., are famous in the city. I myself had the good fortune of studying in both Yuvaraja's (First Grade College) and Maharaja's College. Maharaja's College during my days had excellent faculty including Kuvempu, Nikam, Nilakantha Sastri, T. A. Purushotham etc. That was a glorious period. Junior and Senior BA Halls were witness to hundreds of cultural programmes. Prof. V. L. D'Souza was the Vice-Chancellor when I was a student of Maharaja's College. When I appeared for an interview at Delhi for a Fulbright Scholarship, the Committee Chairman Dr. Olive Reddick (Chairman of the United States Education Foundation in India) said 'this candidate (me) is from Mysore University and that too a student of Prof. Nilakantha Sastri and what is there to interview him.' I was simply selected. People say what is in a name; but everything is there in a name *(namabala)*. That is the magic in the name of Mysuru.

Considering the development of education, Kuvempu selected a vast area and gave it the name Manasagangothri. I had the good fortune of teaching at Manasagangothri and heading the Department of Indology (later Ancient History and Archaeology) till my retirement in 1995. In addition, Regional College of Education, JSS Institutions, National Institute of Engineering, etc., Administrative Training Institute, Karnataka State Open University have developed in Mysuru. All being the Centre of Education.

Mysuru has also become the home of many cultural organisations including Gangubai Hanagal Music University. Mysore University itself has a Fine Arts College. Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha and Ganabharathi are great names in the sphere of music and dance.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysore Kendra, is another educational and cultural



organisation. It runs a High School, a management institute called Bhavan's Priyamvada Birla Institute of Management, Kalabharati, which arranges week-end and monthly music programmes. Thus BVB, founded by Kulapati K. M. Munshi, has been doing great service in our city too.

Mysuru also has many temples and Mutts to cater to the needs of religious persons. The temples in Mysore Palace premises, Shankara Mutt etc., are justly famous. The Athara Kacheri or the Deputy Commissioner's Office is a fine traditional structure. We cannot forget the awe-inspiring Crawford Hall, the headquarters of the Mysore University. By its side is the scouts headquarters named after Jayachamaraja Wadiyar.

Mysuru also had a mint at Nazarbad (a suburb of Mysuru) during the time of Tipu Sultan. At present there is a mint in Mysuru which caters to the needs of the country. It is said that during the recent demonetisation, the mint worked continuously for weeks together and won the appreciation of the Prime Minister. Thus our city has served the cause of political, educational economic, religious and cultural spheres and such cities are really rare. It is our duty to maintain it as a model city not only in Karnataka but in the whole country. Let us all work towards that end ▪

Deputy Commissioner's Office

Oriental Research Institute (ORI)

Crawford Hall

Valedictory function of Teresian Cricket Academy held

Mysuru, Feb. 25- The valedictory function of Teresian Cricket Academy was held at the Ave Maria Golden Jubilee Auditorium, Teresian College premises on Wednesday.

St. Joseph Central School Principal Rev. Fr. C.J. Jomi inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp. KSCA Mysuru Zone Convenor S. Balachandar, Department of Physical Education In-charge Director Dr. P. Krishniah, Corporator Nataraj, Rev. Dr. Anjali, Manager Teresian Institution, Sr. Sajitha, Director, Teresian Institution, Mysuru and Prof. V.K. Jose, Principal, Teresian College and Physical Education Director Anthony Moses were present.

Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Chief Coach of the Academy, gave the report on academy's progress. Mysuru Zone Convenor S. Balachandar gave away mementos to talented cricketers. The organisers also honoured Freelance Sports Journalists C.K. Muralidharan, sports journalist R. Uday Kumar and SAK Hockey Coach Vijay Krishna on the occasion.

5th BRDCA Open Blitz Chess Tournament

Laxman emerges victorious

Bengaluru, Feb. 25- GM R.R. Laxman of Railways with 7.5 points from 8 rounds won the title in BRDCA Open Blitz Chess Tournament held at Bengaluru recently. Mysuru lad M.P. Ajith, secured 5 points from 8 rounds and secured the 30th place. Another Mysuru lad Darshan secured 3 points and finished 111th.

FINAL PLACINGS

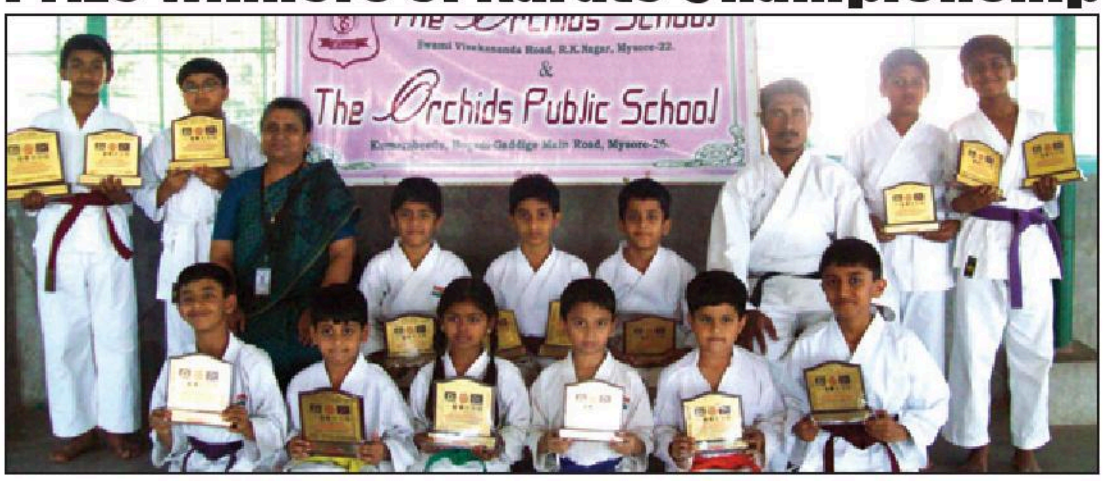
1.	GM R.R. Laxman	(7.5 points)
2.	GM Deepan Chakravarthy	(7.0 points)
3.	GM Shyam Sundar	(7.0 points)
4.	G.A. Stany	(7.0 points)
5.	GM V. Vishnu Prasanna	(7.0 points)

India 3 Futures Men's Tennis Tournament

City lads Suraj, Prajwal Dev to take part

Guwahati, Feb.25- Mysuru lads Suraj R. Prabodh and S.D. Prajwal Dev will be taking part in the $15,000 ITF India 3 Futures Tennis Tournament for men to be played at Guwahati from Feb. 27. Suraj and Prajwal Dev will to play the qualifying round to get an entry into the main draw. N. Sriram Balaji is the top-seed and is followed by P. Vishnu Vardhan, Karanuday Singh,Sasi Kumar Mukund and Sami Reinwein (Germany).

Prize winners of Karate Championship



A group photo of winners along with their Karate Teacher.

Mysuru, Feb. 25- The following students of The Orchids Public School won prizes at the 23rd State-level Karate Championship-2017:

T.P. Vikas (Class 7), V.M. Vishnu (Class 5), Nithin K. Gowda (Class 6), L. Jeevitha (Class 3), M. Akilesh (Class 2) — all have secured first place in different categories.

Harshith N. Jeeyar and M. Jeevan (Class 6), S. Sagar of (Class 7), K.M. Jeevan (Class 5), K.V. Chinmay and Rakshan Vijay (Class 2) — all have secured 2nd prize in different categories.

Akshay Ramesh and Shamanth Gowda (Class 3) have won 3rd prize.

Hero Women's Pro Golf Tournament

City's Sonam fares well

Kolkata, Feb. 25- Mysuru girl Sonam Chugh, taking part in the Hero women's Pro Golf Tournament 2017 at the Tollygunge Club in Kolkata fared well and finished a creditable 13th with a three-day aggregate score of 236(82+81+73) on Thursday.

Vani Kapoor with a three-day aggregate score of 213 (70+73+70) won the title. Amandeep Drall with an aggregate score of 217 (71+72+74) finished second while Saaniya Sharma finished third with a three-day score of 218 (69+76+73).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Based on the Agreement of Sale dated 11-7-2005 in respect of 1 Acre and 22 Guntas of agricultural land in Sy.No.69/1 of Chikkahalli village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, (fully described in the schedule below) executed by Mr.Nataraju S/O Late Puttamadaiah of Chikkahalli village and others, my client Mr.S.Suresh, S/O Shivarama Rao, had filed O.S No.450/2006 on the file of the Senior Civil Judge, Mysore. After the dismissal of the suit, my client challenged the same in R.A No.312/2011. Since the R.A was also dismissed, my client has challenged the same before the High Court of Karnataka, in R.S.A No.1876/2015. When the said R.S.A No.1876/2015 came up before the High Court on 26-11-2015, the Advocate for Caveator/Respondent-1 Nataraju, S/O Late Puttamadaiah, submitted that he will not alienate the suit property and the same has been recorded by the High Court.

Having regard to the said undertaking and the pendency of the R.S.A No.1876/2015, the public at large are hereby warned/notified not to enter in to any transactions or dealings in respect of the schedule property with Nataraju, S/O Late Puttamadaiah and others. Despite this public notice, if any person/s were to purchase or to deal with the schedule property, they will be doing so at his/their own risk and costs and it will not in any way affect the rights of my client over the said property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.69/1 measuring 1 Acre and 22 Guntas, situated at Chikkahalli village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk and bounded as follows : On the East by : Land of Puttananjaiah, On the West by : Government Land, On the North by : Land of Puttalingaiah, On the South by : Land of Moddedevanna.

Krishnamurthy G.Hasyagar, Advocate
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MESSAGE

On the occasion of the Central Excise Day, I extend warm greetings to the officers and staff of the Department of Central Excise.

The Department of Central Excise through a strong and effective administration generates revenue for the Government for its developmental activities. Today, India is at the cusp of one of the greatest reforms in tax Administration. I am confident that the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) will take forward cooperative federalism through effective implementation of One Nation-One Tax and One Nation-One Market policies and usher in the successful implementation of Goods and Services Tax.

I urge all officials of the Department to work with utmost devotion and sincerity to create an efficient, transparent and business-friendly tax administration.

(Pranab Mukherjee)

Central Excise Nurturing Development

REVENUE COLLECTION

Central Excise collection has been ₹ 3,13,962 crore upto January, 2017 in FY 2016-17 registering an increase of 40.5% year-on-year basis.

Service Tax receipts have been ₹ 2,03,649 crore upto January, 2017 in FY 2016-17 recording year-on-year growth of 22%.

Cost of collection of Central Excise & Service Tax is only 62 paise per 100 rupees collected.

(Revenue figures are provisional)

प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

Greetings to the officers and staff of Central Board of Excise and Customs and the Excise fraternity on Central Excise Day being observed on 24th February, 2017.

My best wishes to all the officers and ranks of the Excise Department in serving the nation.

(Narendra Modi)

"I extend my warm greetings to all the officers and staff of Central Excise on the occasion of Central Excise Day which is celebrated on 24th February. The need of the hour is to nurture a simple, efficient and non-adversarial indirect tax regime. I hope the officers will rise to the occasion and make concerted efforts for successful implementation of Goods and Services Tax."

- **Shri Arun Jaitley,** Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs

"Central Excise has been a key contributor to nation building by way of revenue generation which is extremely important to undertake developmental activities in the country. On this occasion, I extend my best wishes to the officers and staff of Central Excise and exhort them to rededicate themselves to collection of Central Excise duty and smooth roll out of Goods and Services Tax."

- **Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar,** Minister of State for Finance

KEY GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

GOALS

- **Non-adversarial Tax Regime,** based on voluntary compliance through balance of taxpayer education and assistance, simple laws and procedures, for creating an environment of confidence and trust between the industry and tax administration.
- **Automation of key business operations to modernise indirect tax administration, improve transparency and efficient service delivery** in areas such as e-payment of duty, refund/rebate, maintenance of records in electronic forms and introduction of digital signature.
- **Reducing litigation and dispute resolution** to save cost and time for both department and taxpayers through measures such as rationalisation of penalty provisions, withdrawal from prosecution in cases older than 15 years and involving central excise duty less than Rs. five lakh, early settlement of disputes pending in appeal before the Commissioner (Appeals) as on 1st March, 2016, non-filing of Departmental appeals before CESTAT and higher judiciary in cases involving upto a certain amount of duty/tax.
- **Simplification of key business processes** in order to promote ease of doing business through initiatives such as reduction in number of Central Excise Returns from 27 to 13, facility for revision of returns, single registration and return facility for First Stage Dealer and Importer.
- **Simplification of CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004 to improve credit flows and reduce litigation** in areas relating to apportionment of credit between exempted and non-exempted goods and services, input services credit flow from input services distributor to outsourced manufacturer, treatment of small capital goods up to Rs. 10,000/- as inputs, maintenance of common warehouse for distribution of credit on inputs.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 53 technical issues involving sustained litigation resolved in the Chief Commissioner's Tariff Conference and a comprehensive circular issued.
- Time limit for taking CENVAT Credit of duty/tax paid on inputs and input services increased from six months to one year.
- Single registration for factories operating through multiple premises falling within a range allowed.
- Number of Central Excise returns to be filed by a large manufacturer reduced from 27 to 13.
- Revision of return allowed in Central Excise.
- Interest rate on late payment of duty reduced to 15% from the present rate of 18% per annum.
- Single registration and return facility for First Stage Dealer and Importer.
- Withdrawal from prosecution in cases older than 15 years and involving central excise duty less than Rs. five lakh to reduce litigation.
- Rules for Removal of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty for Manufacture of Excisable Goods simplified. The requirement of approval of application by Central Excise officer discontinued.

COMMENDATION

In recognition of excellent performance and commitment to duty, following officers have been awarded Commendation Certificate on this occasion:-

S. No.	Name (Shri)	Designation	Present posting
1	Manish Mohan Govil	Director	CX-9 Section, CBEC
2	Ms. Himani Bhayana	Joint Commissioner	GST Council, Secreteriat
3	Ms. Deepshikha Arora	Joint Commissioner	DG, Systems
4	Dr. Neha Garg	Deputy Commissioner	CESTAT
5	Ravneet Khurana	Deputy Commissioner	GST Cell, CBEC
6	Vishal Pratap Singh	Deputy Commissioner	GST Cell, CBEC
7	Anurag Sehgal	Under Secretary	Tax Research Unit, CBEC
8	Jaimendra Singh Kandhari	Technical Officer	Tax Research Unit, CBEC
9	S Kalyan Iyer	Assistant Commissioner	DG, Systems
10	Anuj Agarwal	Assistant Commissioner	Judicial Cell, CBEC
11	Arvind Malhotra	Assistant Commissioner	DG, Taxpayer Services
12	Ravinder Kumar Gupta	Assistant Commissioner	Central Excise, Meerut
13	R. Jayasankar	Assistant Director	DG, Audit
14	Vijay Kumar Maruvada	Superintendent	Service Tax, Delhi
15	Joseph Kuok	Superintendent	Central Excise, Delhi
16	Govind Chandra Nath	Superintendent	Central Excise, Bhubaneswar
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22	Haroon Rashid Khan	Superintendent	Central Excise, Vadodara
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25	Ms. Meenu Sharma	Superintendent	DG, Performance Management
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A Misty Morn...

Misty mornin', don't see no sun; I know you're out there somewhere having fun... thus sang Bob Marley in "Misty Morning." A day after the Night of Shiva, Mysureans woke up this morning to thick mist hovering around the city. The misty conditions remained till about 9 am until the sun emerged. Star of Mysore photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav captured this misty moment inside Manasagangothri campus near the Centenary Clock Tower.

Panache, a treasure trove!

Panache's two-day expo on Fashion Jewellery, Accessories and Home Decor began today at The Quorum Hotel on Vinoba Road. Seen are (standing from left) Pooja & Ridhima from Blush Pink, Mumbai, Nandini Murthy of VLCC, Misba Umrean & Nishat Mohsin, Organisers of Panache, Geeta from Reins Creations, Indore, Rachna from Sanrachna Jaipur & Tanya Girish, the Fashion Week designer. The show will be open to visitors today and tomorrow from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm.

BANDIPUR FOREST FIRE

8 days on, inferno spreads to Himavad Gopalaswamy Hills

Forest Department appeals to people to donate food items for personnel engaged in dousing wildfire

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (MTY&BCT)- Battling forest fires that have resurfaced at the Bandipur National Park, the Forest Department officials are at their wits end to contain the inferno that began on Feb. 18. Though they have claimed that the forest fire has been contained at Kalkare, Hediyala, Maleyur and Omkara, Kundkere, Gundre and N. Begur ranges, the latest wildfire has spread across Himavad Gopalaswamy Hills and Maddur destroying hundreds of acres of vegetation.

According to latest reports from Bandipur, the fire at Himavad Gopalaswamy Hills was under control. "Heavy mist in the forest aided the department personnel who are extinguishing the fire and we are hopeful of containing it by today evening if winds do not hamper our efforts," said forest officials.

The 874.78 sq. km Bandipur National Park has been ravaged by a series of fire incidents, suspected by the forest officials as man-made, and almost 350 of the 370 water bodies in the national park are completely dry.

According to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) B.G. Hosmath, more than 200 people including forest department staff and local residents are trying to extinguish the fire. "Though hundreds of people were involved in putting out the wildfire, providing food and water is a difficult task. The unprecedented heat this year, coupled with dry vegetation, is taking a severe toll on the staff who are dehydrated. Added to this is that water has become scarce and we are supplying water from bore-wells to the affected areas," he said.

Bananas and watermelons that were donated by volunteers.

Bandipur Project Tiger Director T. Heeralal said that they had noticed the fire at Himavad Gopalaswamy Hills yesterday and 6 fire tenders were at work to douse the flames. The Karadikal Hill is grassland and dried grass has caught fire. He added that some miscreants have set fire to the forests.

"In the last couple of days, over 750 to 900 acres of forests have been reduced to ashes. Our priority is to bring the fire under control and damages can be assessed later," he said.

Meanwhile, department officials have urged people to donate food items for its staff, local residents and other volunteers engaged in putting out the fire. People can donate food items that have longer shelf-life such as bread, buns, biscuits, fruits and other snacks along with bottled water. These items can be deposited at the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens in Mysuru. A truck will leave the Zoo every day for Bandipur to transport the food items. The Zoo has so far transported 200 kg of bananas and 500 kg of watermelons, besides 25 water cans to help the fire-fighters.

"Bandipur fire this year is turning out to be complex, day by day. Providing food and drinking water to the front line staff at the site will be of great help and those intending to support fire-fighting efforts may contact the Forest Department," Hosmath said.

Talent search for hearing impaired kids tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (KS)-The Konkani Christian Association, Mysuru, as part of their Social and Cultural Responsibility, has organised a 'Talent Search' programme for hearing impaired children on Feb. 26 from 11 am at Konkan Bhavan in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in city.

The programme will be inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Cyprian Monis, Bishop of Asansol Diocese in the Ecclesiastical Province of Calcutta. MLA Vasu will be the chief guest.

Students of Mercy Convent, Sairanga and Don Bosco will showcase their hidden talents at the programme, according to a press release.

Week-long health camp for journalists from Feb. 27

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Mysuru District Journalists' Association (MDJA) in association with Cauvery Multi-Speciality Hospital will be conducting a week-long health check-up camp for journalists and their family members from Feb. 27 to March 5 at the hospital in Siddaratha Layout, near Teresian College here.

Everyday 50 people will undergo different tests. Beneficiaries will undergo BP, Diabetes, ECG, ECO, TMT, Blood Urea, Serum Creatinine, USG Ultra Sound, Bone Density, Liver Function Test apart from free doctor consultancy.

The health camp will be conducted under the guidance of Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, Chairman and MD, Cauvery Hospital. Dr. Venu, Dr. Rajagopal, Dr. Adarsh, Dr. Arvind, Dr. Krishnaraje Urs, Dr. Sukesh, Dr. Manjunath and others will take part. Preference will be given on first-come-first-serve basis. Interested journalists can register their names with MDJA President K. Deepak on Mob: 97415-11340 or General Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu on Mob: 99168-92343.

Those availing the facility must arrive at the hospital at 7 am. All the tests will be completed within 2-3 hours and after the blood tests, breakfast will be provided for the beneficiaries at the hospital premises.

Aadhaar seeding must for social security beneficiaries

Mysuru, Feb.25- Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep has in a press release asked all beneficiaries who are getting pension under various social security schemes to get their Aadhaar number linked with their Bank or post office accounts.

The DC said that Aadhaar seeding was mandatory as per the Union Government's DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) initiative. The beneficiaries should submit their Aadhaar card numbers to their jurisdictional revenue officers before Feb.28, failing which the DBT will be stopped, the release added.

Echo of Congress MLC's diary revelations

Cops thwart BJP's bid to lay siege to CM's residence in city

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (PM&DM)- Hundreds of BJP workers, who were on a march to Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's house at Ramakrishnanagar here seeking his resignation following the explosive revelations in the diary notings of MLC K. Govindaraju, were prevented by the Police at *Mysuru Diganta* Circle in T.K. Layout this morning.

The BJP workers, who gathered at Kavitha Bakery junction on New Kantharaj Urs Road and took out a march carrying placards and raising slogans against the CM in singular, were stopped by a large number of Police personnel including Chamundi Commando Force.

Police had made elaborate security arrangements around the CM's residence by erecting barricades on all roads leading to the CM's house. The erection of barricades around the CM's residence caused a lot of inconvenience to motorists.

The slogan-shouting BJP workers, who alleged that the contents of the diary revealed payments in crores made by some State Congress leaders to the Party High Command, urged Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to step down.

They also demanded that the tainted Ministers, whose names have found mention in the diary, must be immediately sacked.

Even as the BJP workers marched towards the CM's house, the Police took them into custody and shifted them in Police vans to the CAR ground, from where they will be released later in the afternoon.

City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, former Minister S.A. Ramdas, former MLC G. Madhusudan, District BJP President M. Shivanna, Corporator Nandeesh Preetham and other leaders took part in the protest.

The BJP workers had also protested in front of PWD and District in-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa's residence in Vijayanagar here yesterday, seeking his resignation as his name allegedly finds a mention in the notings of the diary belonging to Congress MLC.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

Conference on HIV/AIDS update 2017 begins

Mysuru, Feb. 25 – The two-day HIVE Mysuru ART Update 2017 was inaugurated at SDM IMD auditorium at the campus on Chamundi Hill Road here this morning. The conference ceremony will continue with seminars being held on different aspects of HIV/AIDS epidemic under the auspices of Asha Kirana Trust which is working for the cause of people living with AIDS for the last over 20 years.

The Asha Kirana Trust has also established a hospital in Hebbal providing both inpatient and outpatient facilities along with providing of free antiretroviral therapy (ART) medicines. The conference will conclude tomorrow. The organisers felicitated Asha Kirana Chairman and Founder Trustee Dr. S.N. Mothi and Asha Foundation, Bengaluru, Founder Director Dr. Glory Alexander on the occasion.

Two houses burgled in city

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (RK&DM)- Burglars broke open into the residence of an Ayurveda doctor in Kuvempunagar and made away with cash of about Rs. 70,000, 45 grams gold jewellery and other articles yesterday.

Dr. Lakshmisha Upadhyaya had been along with his family members to a cinema hall at about 6 pm when burglars broke open the front door.

The burglary came to light when Dr. Upadhyaya returned home at about 10.30 pm.

In another incident, burglars who forced their entry into the residence of Chandregowda, a resident of Vijayanagar II Stage, made good with cash and other valuables. Chandregowda, a retired teacher, left the house at 8 am along with his family members to distribute wedding invitation cards. The theft came to light when Chandregowda returned home at 10.30 pm.

Installation of new Bishop

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (RK&VNS)- The Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Rev. Msgr. K.A. William as the new Bishop of Mysuru Diocese will be held on Feb. 27 (Monday) at 4.30 pm at the St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Church) in city.

Diocese of Mysuru, Apostolic Administrator Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhapilly will be the Principal Consecrator. Archbishop of Bengaluru Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Chikkamagaluru Bishop Most Rev Dr. T. Anthony Swamy will be the Co-Consecrators.

District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait, Bengaluru Development Minister K.J. George, Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar and others will be present.

Addressing press persons at Bishop House in city this morning, Bishop-Elect K.A. William said that he will continue to work from where the previous Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Anthony Vazhapilly had left.

Stating that he would work towards protecting the Church properties, Fr. William added that Mysuru Diocese looked after 136 educational institutions including 25 to 30 in city.

Fr. Leslie Moras, Fr. Vijay Kumar and Fr. Marie Joseph were present.

Save Kukkarahalli Lake campaign

(Continued from page 1)

He also pointed out that the many species of birds that flock the lake would have no source of water if desilting work was not stopped. Although sewage flow from the UoM and Karnataka State Open University was diverted from the lake a few years ago, sewage from the Vani Vilas Water Works continues to flow into the lake, he added.

Members of Mysore Grahakara Parishat Major General (retired) S.G. Vombatkere, Ravi and Shashi Bhushan, environmentalists Tanuja Hamsabavi and Balu Mohan were present.

WORKS CONTINUE

Sensing opposition to the development works, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep had issued orders to temporarily halt desilting works. But the works resumed yesterday after the administration found that all the necessary permissions had been obtained for the project. Tension prevailed inside the lake yesterday when the activists, opposed to the ongoing desilting work and those in favour of it came face to face. There was an argument between the two groups, before they resolved the dispute among themselves.

MGP DELEGATION MEETS DC, VC

A delegation from the Mysore Grahakara Parishat recently met Dayanand Mane, in-charge Vice-Chancellor of UoM, the custodian of Kukkarahalli Lake, and Deputy Commissioner Randeep. The delegation told them that the works at the lake would sound the death knell for the water body since the water level would recede.

The delegation pointed out that the Poornaiah Nala, the lake's feeder canal, was encroached upon, owing to the development of various layouts, and sewage water entering the tank from Paduvarahalli side was diverted, resulting in decreased inflow to the lake.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The University of Mysore and the district administration are jointly implementing the Rs. 3 crore project of which Rs. 65 lakh has been reserved exclusively for desilting. The work on the lake started on Feb. 14 and the authorities are planning to construct toilets, boating jetty, entry arches and shelters on the tank bund. Once the silt is removed along 2.5 km of the lake bund, the lake is expected to hold more water increasing the width. However, those opposing the project say that desilting during summer will deplete the water level and will kill the bird species.

Kerala CM arrives in Mangaluru amidst tight security

Mangaluru, Feb 25- The bandh called by right-wing organisations opposing the participation of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in a CPI(M) communal harmony in the city this morning began on a lukewarm note but there were several reports of stone-pelting at buses as the morning progressed.

The call for agitation has been given to protest the killing of members of Hindu groups by Left cadres in Kerala.

In Talapady, around 15 people assembled and hurled stones at two buses, one KSRTC and another private one. A KSRTC bus was also stoned at Konaje Cross.

Situation has been largely peaceful except a tyre burning incident reported at Konchady. Another Karnataka State government bus was stoned at Talapady earlier in the morning.

Kerala CM arrives

Amidst unprecedented security and protests, the Kerala Chief Minister arrived in Mangaluru this morning.

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	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 7.00 pm
Rangoon (H)	(S-1)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.05 am, 3.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Jolly LLB 2 (H)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Chowka (K)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Veeram Macbeth (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
The Ghazi Attack (H)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 7.20 pm
Split (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 9.55 pm
Yaman (Ta)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Srinivasa Kalyana (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Winner (Te)	(S-3)	7.00 pm

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Kirik Party (K)	(S-4)	4.20 pm
Rangoon (H)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 4.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 6.45 pm
Jolly LLB 2 (H)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Wedding Anniversary (H)	(S-3)	12.35 pm
Veeram Macbeth (Ma)	(S-4)	7.30 pm
Split (E)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 7.20 pm
Guardians The Superheroes (E)	(S-3)	2.50 pm
Yaman (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm
Srinivasa Kalyana (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Winner (Te)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Ghazi (Te)	(S-3)	4.50 pm

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EVENTS TODAY (FEB.25)

Panache: Expo of Fashion Jewellery, Accessories and Home Decor, The Quorum Hotel, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**

Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji of Sri Sudarshana Narasimha Kshetra, Vijayanagar, and the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Government of Karnataka, in collaboration with Ayodhya Research Institute; ICHR, New Delhi; IGNCA, New Delhi; I-SERVE, New Delhi; IAS, New Delhi & National Museums & NMI, Government of India: Valedictory of International Conference on 'Lord Srirama in Art, Literature and Religion,' Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru and Co-Chairman of the Organising Committee of the event, delivers the valedictory address, PWD and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa chief guest, Dr. Rohitha Eswer of Raasavrunda School of dance, Mysuru, presents a dance feature titled *'Ramasankirthana,'* auditorium of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Karnataka Exhibition Authority premises, **3 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story telling by Dr. Archana, Dentist, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

Mysuru Kannada Vedike: Suvarna Sambharama, felicitation to Ln. Dr. R.D. Kumar, Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Padma Shekar inaugurates, former MP A.H. Vishwanath presides, writer D.N. Krishnamurthy delivers the felicitation address, Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar, writer Bannur K. Raju, Vedike President S. Balakrishna, Vice-President Nalabeedi Ravi chief guests, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Srinivasa Temple: Music concert by Vidu. Aishwarya Vidhya Raghunath, accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Tumkur Ravishankar on mridanga and Kaushik on ghata, Sri Srinivasa Temple, Ramakrishnanagar I-Block, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Shivanubhava Dasoha-232, talk on 'Basavanna and Gandhiji' by Dr. M.G. Basavaraja of Kuvempu University-Shivamogga, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Prof. C. Dharmappa presides, Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Art Troupe, **6 pm.**

The Nest - Montessory Pre-school, Day Care, Activity and Facility Centre: The Nest - Fest, 2017, MP C.S. Puttaraju, MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar, Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar and others chief guests, Vijayanagar Footballa Ground, near K.D. Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha: *'Nartana Samarpana'* by Mithra Naveen and troupe, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Vivekananda Day, Special Bhajan by Ramakrishna Hari Bhajana Mandali, Chennai, Ashrama premises, Yadayagiri, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampooma Srimadramanayana by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

Chandramouleshwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla: Mahashivaratri, Prakarotsava, Temple premises, **7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.26)

District Administration: Road safety rally 'Yuvajanara Nadige Raste Surakshe Kadege' (Youth's walk towards road safety), flag off, Oval Grounds, **6.30 am.**

Cyclopedia, Mysuru District Cycling Association: Cross country/mountain biking, cycle race, flag off, Lalitha Mahal Helipad, **7 am.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Annual Celebrations, Holy Mother Sarada Devi Day, Devotees' Retreat, Talk 1: Swami Anupamanandaji [Subject: Sangha Janani Sri Sarada Devi]; Talk 2: Poshini, Communications Expert, Forest Plus, Shivamogga [Subject: Mamateya Madilu Srimaate], **9 am to 1 pm;** Hindustani Classical Vocal recital by Pt. Nagaraj Rao Havaldar, accompanied by Omkarnath Havaldar (vocal), Sameer Havaldar (harmonium) and Kedarnath Havaldar (tabla), Ashrama premises, Yadayagiri, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Rotary Mysore Midtown, in association with Special Olympics Bharat, Karnataka (SOBK): 'Bhandavya- 2017,' a sports competition for intellectually challenged, Sabitha Monis, a differently-abled achiever and Student Welfare Officer, Alva's Education Foundation, Moodabidri, inaugurates, Rtn. Dr. R.S. Nagarjuna, District Governor, RI District 3181, chief guest, Rtn. K.G. Anantharaj Urs, Asst. Governor, Zone-7, RI District 3181, guest of honour, **9.30 am;** Valedictory, Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director (in-Charge), Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore, chief guest, Rtn. K.G. Anantharaj Urs distributes prizes, Oval Grounds, **3.30 pm.**

Datta Kriya Yoga International Centre, Mysuru: Sri Datta Sadguru Sannidhi, a three-day Special Datta Kriya Yoga Camp, Dr. Sri Ganapathy Sachchidanananda Swamiji and junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji will grace the occasion, Inauguration, **10 am;** Inaugural address by Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, **10.30 am;** Pravachan by Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, **11.15 am to 12.15 pm;** Demonstrations and Practice of Nadi Shuddhi Vyayamas and Asanas, Nadamantapa, Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Ooty Road, **12.30 pm to 1 pm.**

Art Expo: Expo of portraits of famous scientists by U.G. Mohankumar Aradhya, DIET Principal R. Raghunandan inaugurates, CFTRI senior scientist Kollegal Sharma presides, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira, **10 am to 7 pm.**

Mysuru District Bhavasara Kshatriya Graduates Association: 36th annual felicitation programme, Sri Vittala Rukmini Convention Hall, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Hunsur Road, **10 am.**

Panache: Expo of Fashion Jewellery, Accessories and Home Decor, The Quorum Hotel, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**

Desiranga Samskruthika Samsthe: Desiranga Natakotsava, writer Prof. K.S. Bhagwan inaugurates, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat auditorium, Palace North Gate, **11 am.**

All India BSNL-DOT Pensioners Association (AIBDPA), Karnataka Circle: Open Session, State Daily Wage Employees Association President Prof. K.S. Sharma inaugurates, National Legal Advisor V.A.N. Nambudari, National General Secretary K.G.Jayaraj, Journalist Rajashekara Koti and others will be present, Com. M.P. Kunahanandan Hall, RTTC premises, T.K. Layout, **11.45 am.**

Balachandra Mithra Mandali, Mysuru: 39th anniversary celebrations, staging of play 'Ratna Mangalya,' Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Vangipur Mutt graces, Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar inaugurates,. MLA M.K. Somashekar presides, Minister Tanveer Sait, MLA Chikkamadu, former Minister S.A. Ramdas, KEA Chairman B. Siddaraju, MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar, BJP District President M. Shivanna and former MyLac Chairman Ravishankar chief guests, Town Hall, **2 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha: Grand vocal concert by Sandip Narayan from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. Nishanth Chandra on violin and Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya: Gyana-Vigyana Divya Darshana Mela Valedictory and Religious Meet, Maharaja College Grounds, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampooma Srimadramanayana by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

Raasavrunda School of Dance and Ganabharathi: Nartana Namana Bharatanatya and Kathak recital, performing artistes are Suprita Aithal, Nityashree Shetty, B.S.Meghashree, Kausalya Chandra, Alaka Deshpande, C.P. Indira and Rohitha Eswer, Veene Sheshanna Bhavana, Kuvempungar, **6.30 pm.**

Parivarthana: Staging of play 'Krishiyali Kushiyali,' Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

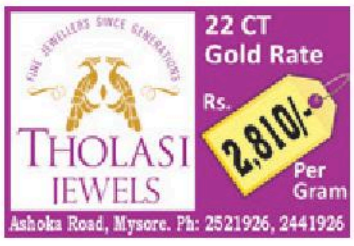
Saarland University students visit MYRA

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Mysuru-based MYRA School of Business recently hosted students Gregory Filatov and Tariq Hoqoq from Saarland University, Germany under the student-exchange programme.

They were taught marketing strategy by Dr. Sudhindra Seshadri, Senior Associate Dean and Distinguished Professor of Marketing at MYRA. The students were pleasantly surprised to see the manageable student strength at the institution, a far cry from the 10 to 15 thousand students in German schools. They felt that the smaller intake meant higher class-participation and better learning.

The students were also struck by the level of industrialisation and development of India – something which they had not expected as the popular notion back in Europe is that India is underdeveloped. They were impressed by the institution's unique model of teaching, which they opined was practical, quantitative and detailed as compared to the conceptual framework practiced back home.

MYRA has initiated many such student exchange programmes with different universities across the world.



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